posal in this regard for consideration of Government, which is still awaited.

(d) to (f) The proposal is still in a prelimi nary stage and no decision has been taken by the Government of India in the matter till yet.

**Sugar Mills in Kurukshetra and Yamuna Nagar**

1586. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be plea-sed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that licences for sugar mills in Kurukshetra and Ya muna Nagar districts were granted over ruling the recommendations of the high-powered inter-ministerial Screening Com mittee- #i

(b) if so, what were the proposals for Kurukshetra and Yamuna Nagar regions and the proposals recommended by the highpowered inter ministrial Screening Committee;

(c) the applicants who were given licences ignoring the recommendations of the Screening Committee; and

(d) the relevant derails thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Proposals for setting up of new sugar mills in Haryana, including those received from Kurukshetra and Yamunanaga$_r$ districts, were considered by the Screening Committee on 22.6.1993. The Committee, after consideration, recommended grant of a letter of intent in district Yamunanagar. The Committee, however, did not recommend grant of any letter of intent in district Kurukshetra.

A statement giving the details cf proposals received from the districts of Kurukshetra and Yamunanagar and the re. emmendations made by the Screening Committee is enclosed *(see* below).

(c) and (d) The Chairman and Managing Director of M/s Saraswati Industrial Syndicate I-'d. through a representation dated 10.7.93 requested for change of location from village Pipli to village Kamoda in Kurukshetra district. The matter was reviewed and it wag decided by llie Ministry of Food to recommend the grant $_0$f letter of intent/licence for the establishment of a new sugar factory at the changed location of Kamoda. The Licensing Committee in the Ministry of Industry considered the matter and agreed with the recommendation of the Ministiy of Food.

The following letters of intent have been issued in districts of Kurukshetra and Yamunanagar hy the Ministry of Industry.

| Sl. No. | Name of applicant | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | M/s. ISGEC Covema Plastics Ltd. | At Kamoda Teh. Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra. |
| 2, | M/s. Horizon Agro Chem. Ltd. C/o Yamuna Gases & Chemicals Ltd. | At Kot, Teh. Chachrauli, Distt. Yamunanagar. |

**Statement**

***Proposals received from the Districts of Kurukshetra and Yamunanagar and the recommendatio made by Screening Committee***

| Sl. No. | Name of Applicant | Location | Recommendations made by the Screening Committee |
|---|---|---|---|
| | ***Distt. Yamunanagar*** | | |
| 1. | Shri T.P. Bansal | Kotra Khas | The Screening Committee recommended rejection of this application. |
| 2. | M/s Horizon Agro Chem. Ltd. | Kot, Tehsil Chachrauli | The Screening Committee recommended grant of letter of intent. |
| | ***Distt. Kurukshetra*** | | |
| 1. | ISGEC Covema Plastics Ltd. | Pipli | The Screening Committee recommended rejection of this application. |
| 2. | Shri U.S. Bhartiya | Jajharpur | Do. |
| 3. | Shri R.K. Gupta | Do. | Do. |
| 4. | Shri G.R. Goenka | Balsua | Do. |
| 5. | M/s The Haryana State Fedn. of Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd. | Murtzapur | Application was withdrawn by the State Govt. during the Screening Committee meeting. |

**Rural godowns in Orissa**

1587. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rural godowns are very inadequate in a back ward state like Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to set up additional number of Rural godowons in Orissa and other backward states;

(c) the steps so far taken in that regard in the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(d) the number of rural godown proposed to be set up in that plan period

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) The storage facilities at taluka/block/village level are provided by cooperatives under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture and the State Governments- Under this scheme National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) provides assistance for constrution of ruarl godowns by primary agricultural cooperatives working at village level and marketing cooperatives functioning at Mandi, district, regional, state and national levels in the country. The storage capacity sanctioned/completed as on 31.3.1993 is as under:—

| | godowns to be constructed | | godowns constructed | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number | Capacity | Number | Capacity |
| | | (in lakh tonnes) | | (in lakh tonnes) |
| All India | 63946 | 136.05 | 61519 | 130.14 |
| Orissa | 2587 | 4.91 | 2503 | 4.41 |